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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, AUGUST 21, 2002

APPLICATION OF

THE CITY OF BRISTOL

CASE NO. PUC-2002-00126

For a certificate of public
convenience and necessity to
provide local exchange
telecommunications services
and for interim operating
authority

ORDER

On August 5, 2002, the City of Bristol d/b/a Bristol Virginia Utilities Board ("Bristol" or "Applicant") completed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange telecommunications services in the cities of Bristol and Norton and the counties of Washington, Scott, Lee, Wise, Russell, Tazewell, Smyth, and Grayson; and for interim operating authority to operate as a local exchange carrier. The initial application filed by Bristol was amended on July 8, July 19, July 25, 2002, and completed on August 5, 2002.

On August 12, 2002, Central Telephone Company of Virginia and United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. (jointly, "Sprint"),

filed a Notice of Participation and an objection to Bristol's request for interim operating authority.

On August 16, 2002, the Commission issued an Order for Notice and Comment ("Order"). The Order, among other things, docketed this case, required public notice of the application, and denied Bristol interim operating authority.

On August 21, 2002, Bristol filed an Answer to the objection of Sprint and, pursuant to Rule 5 VAC 5-20-110 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules"), a Motion for Reconsideration of Interim Authority ("Motion"). Bristol moves the Commission to reconsider its decision concerning interim operating authority and to grant Bristol interim authority to permit it to continue its operation in the Commonwealth of Virginia, while the Commission reviews its application and oversees its operations.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the Motion, the Commission will reconsider our decision denying interim operating authority. Given the need to timely rule on this matter, we modify the time periods provided by Rule 5 VAC 5-20-110 of the Commission's Rules for responses and replies. Any response to the Motion shall be filed on or before August 30, 2002. Any reply shall be filed on or before September 6, 2002. In addition, we modify the text of the public notice required in

Ordering Paragraph (3) of the Order to remove reference to the Commission's denial of interim operating authority.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

(1) Responses to the Motion shall be filed on or before August 30, 2002.

(2) Replies to any response shall be filed on or before September 6, 2002.

(3) The following paragraph included in the notice required by Ordering Paragraph (3) of the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment, dated August 16, 2002, shall be stricken in its entirety:

By its procedural Order dated August 16, 2002, the Commission denied the Applicant's request for interim operating authority. A copy of this Order may be viewed at the Commission's website at <http://www/state.va.us/scc>.

(4) This matter is continued generally.